GOVERNMENT BILL

THE SALARY, ALLOWANCES AND PENSION OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2002

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): Sir, I move :

"That the Bill further to amend the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Now, we take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 2 was added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula, and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Bill be passed."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

DR. M.N. DAS (Orissa): You have made the entire debate infructuous. We are discussing a serious tragic incident...*(Interruptions)*...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Nothing will go on record. Dr. Das, please sit down. Now, valedictory remarks by the Leader of the Opposition. Dr. Manmohan Singh.

VALEDICTORY REMARKS

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (DR. MANMOHAN SINGH): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, we have come to the end of our business in this Session. We started on a rather uncertain path. We wasted some time, and what happened in the beginning of this Session has a moral, in the sense that if the Government had seen the wisdom of discussing a serious situation like Gujarat early enough, if we had started on the right note in the